

NTCPA GENERAL MEETING JUNE 16, 2016

Lt. Leo Thurmond of the Dallas office of the Union Pacific Railroad presented the training. As far back as 1862 on the Transcontinental Railroad when Abraham Lincoln was president, there was a need for railroad police. They can cross state lines to enforce laws. There are 226 system-wide officers. There is a phone APP that is a Rail Crossing Locator. Cargo theft amounted to \$1M in 2008 and is the most frequent crime. Intentional derailment of hazmat materials is the most serious crime. California and Chicago have the most train robberies.

After lunch, President Antonia Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. The invocation was given by Anthony Risner, and we were welcomed by Chief of Police Mac Tristan. Bill Bandy of Collin County and Charlotte McGlothar were guests. Christopher Coots is a new member today. We applauded our host Peter Dirks for having recently donated a kidney to a fellow officer.

Our next meeting will be at the Summer Conference on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. The registration fee covers the CEPTED credits.

Leslie Willingham is running for State Secretary and David Whitaker is running for State Membership VP in the election to be held at the Summer Conference.

July 12 is the deadline for submitting entries into the contest for the design of our new Challenge Coins. Butch Lindsey stated that we need our own distinctive coin to use for fund raising. The same applies to coffee cups.

Butch then gave the following report:

CP1 will be offered in Bedford in August. Butch has arranged a good deal at a local hotel for any out-of-town attendee who is interested.

Our next meeting will be August 18, 2016, in Bedford. Lunch will be chicken tenders from Chicken Express.

The September meeting will be about sources of radiation and will be held at Baylor Scott and White at 4005 Crutcher St. in Dallas.

Our October meeting will be in Flower Mound; November will be at the Irving Academy; December will be at Babe's in Carrollton.

Antonia announced that our web site is www.NTCPA.US. There is a link to Facebook where we need to go and "Like Us".

Our membership now is 150 members: 139 annual, 10 lifetime, and 1 new member.

George Clark and Doug Hackett of Grand Prairie are our recruiters to smaller cities in North Texas. One selling point is that we are an avenue for TCOLE training.

We are the only region in the state that provides training every month. Additionally, we have free lunch. (A CCP license requires training to stay current.)

In the TCPA Newsletter (CCPS), there was an article about our member Lt. James Long and his over 50 years in crime prevention.

Artie Wood will bring McGruff to the Summer Conference. If anyone needs one sooner, notify him and he'll take it to Mark Brazelton where it can be picked up. We have two inflatables: one out, one here. Peter Dirks of Coppell has six costumes we can borrow if needed.

Lita Snellgrove reported that she and others are finishing the 2015 audit; they need only to sign off on it.

We need a new treasurer since Chris McCaslin has resigned.

Past President Scott Voight explained that there are two sign-in sheets: one TCOLE sheet for past or present law enforcement officers who must sign in order to get TCOLE credit; they can sign the membership form too. The other is for civilians, but any civilian needing TCOLE credit needs to sign the TCOLE sheet too.

For the election at the Summer Conference, David and Leslie will be campaigning with water and hersheys. Leslie will give away pencils and her slogan is, "I'll write it right". Executive board meetings have been held on the telephone and by email and are not recorded. Some documents have been submitted that are not mentioned in any minutes.

David says that "Our strength is in our numbers". Our statewide membership is +/- 500 which is fewer than prior to 09/11/2001. This is due to departmental reassignments, etc. Statewide, there are 123 registered for the upcoming conference.

Last Thursday Antonia Rodriguez and George Clark attended a Chisholm Trail CPA meeting. Chisholm Trail has organized a kid's project at Cook Children's Hospital. This program plans to work with about 100 kids on June 28 at various hospitals. (The volunteers must be screened with background checks so it is too late for us to be involved this time.) Workers let the kids paint little wooden police cars. No activity too exciting for the kids is allowed. NTCPA will assist Chisholm Trail by donating stickers and other goodies for the Cook Hospital children.

Adjournment: moved by Mark Brazelton, second by Charles Isbell. Passed 12:40 p.m.

Each month we need to stay after the regular meeting in order to make plans for the summer conference that we are hosting.

Alice Isbell, Secretary